



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Assembly Memorandum

AM No. 676-2024

Meeting Date: August 27, 2024

1 **FROM: MAYOR**

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3 **SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO**
4 **CHIMERAXR FOR VIRTUAL REALITY BASED TRAINING**
5 **PROGRAM, FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE (MOA),**
6 **ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT (APD), (RFP 2023P056)**
7 **(\$202,000).**
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9 At the request of APD, the Purchasing Department issued a Request for
10 Proposals for a Virtual Reality (VR) based training program. Five proposals were
11 received, and following evaluation, APD recommends that a contract be awarded
12 to ChimeraXR with a Not-to-Exceed (NTE) amount of \$202,000 and a period of
13 performance of four years from contract execution.
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15 The contract will include one year of complete system implementation and
16 training, one year of maintenance, and two years of warranty services. The
17 Contract will be funded through a grant from the United States Department of
18 Justice.
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20 APD currently trains its officers in de-escalation training at the academy level and
21 at the in-service level. In this training, officers are exposed to scenarios in a
22 reality-based environment. The addition of the VR training program will enhance
23 APD's existing training, allowing officers to experience a variety of additional
24 scenarios in a virtual format that mimics real-world environments. The VR
25 training program will allow officers to practice scenarios multiple times and
26 reinforce the correct de-escalation tactics.
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28 Based on the above information and the Department Memorandum, it is
29 recommended that the Assembly approve a Contract with ChimeraXR for the
30 NTE amount of \$202,000.
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32 **THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

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35 Reviewed by: Tina Verheyen, Grant Manager, APD
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37 Concurrence: Chris Hunter, Acting Director, Purchasing Department
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2 \$202,000
3 (FY2022 COPS CDP De-Escalation Grant)
4 Concur: William D. Falsey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
5 Concur: Rebecca A. Windt Pearson, Municipal Manager
6 Respectfully submitted: Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor